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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

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Bill No. H.R. 224 Report No. _____ Companion No. _____

Title: "Limousine Limitation Act of 1983"

Subject: limiting use of government motor vehicles by gov't employees

Amends. free standing

Contacts: _____

Conclusion: ☒ No Agency objection
☒ Agency objection and/or needs amendment

Analysis: This bill would bar the purchase of motor vehicles for use in transporting government officials between their offices and homes. It would also bar the assignment of a vehicle to an employee for his exclusive use.

There is an exception for use of vehicles for "intelligence duties" and exceptions to the home-work prohibition for employees engaged in "fieldwork" in remote areas. These would go part way to meet the Agency's needs. If this bill would start to move, we would have to examine the old question of whether or not our special authorities under the CIA Act were sufficient to enable current practices in this area to continue, the bill notwithstanding. It does not appear, however, that this bill will ever move, due to the lack of cosponsors, the relatively poor draftmanship and the lack of interest in this subject at this time.

We need only to continue to monitor it to insure that it continues not to move.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To limit the acquisition and use of motor vehicles.

3 SHORT TITLE

6 DEFINITIONS

(1) “motor vehicle” means any vehicle, self-propelled or drawn by mechanical power, designed and operated principally for highway transportation of pas-

sengers, except (A) a vehicle primarily designed for military field training, combat, or tactical purposes; (B) a vehicle regularly used by a Government agency in the performance of investigative law enforcement or intelligence duties, if the head of such agency determines that exclusive control of such vehicle is essential to the effective performance of such duties; or (C) a vehicle used for the transportation of Ambassadors stationed or conducting business abroad, or in the case of a country where no Ambassador is accredited, a vehicle used for the transportation of the highest ranking official of the Department of State stationed in such country; and

(2) “Government agency” means any department, agency, instrumentality, or authority of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Federal Government.

17 LIMITATION ON ACQUISITION AND USE OF MOTOR

18 VEHICLES

19 SEC. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a Gov-
20 ernment agency may not purchase, hire, lease, operate, or
21 maintain motor vehicles for the transportation of any elected
22 or appointed officer or employee of a Government agency
23 between his dwelling and his place of employment, except
24 that this subsection shall not apply in the case of—

1 (1) a medical officer on outpatient medical service,
2 or
3 (2) an officer or employee engaged in fieldwork in
4 remote areas,
5 if the character of the officer or employee's duties make such
6 transportation necessary and the exception of the officer or
7 employee from this subsection is approved by the head of the
8 Government agency concerned.

9 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) do not apply to (1)
10 the purchase, hire, lease, operation, or maintenance of motor
11 vehicles for the personal use by the President, and one each
12 for use by the Vice President of the United States, the head
13 of each executive department, the Chief Justice of the United
14 States, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker
15 of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority
16 leaders of the Senate and of the House of Representatives,
17 and the United States Representative to the United Nations,
18 or (2) the employment or procurement of services of chauffeurs for such motor vehicles.

20 (c) No elected or appointed officer or employee of a
21 Government agency, other than those referred to in subsection (b), may be furnished a motor vehicle for his exclusive
22 use.
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